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SUBJ: CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS PORTUGAL

REF: LISBON 3906 (NOTAL)

1. CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA PAID BRIEF VISIT TO LISBON SEPT. 9-10 (DELAYED ONE DAY AT GOP REQUEST DUE TO MOZAMBIQUE SITUATION), CONFERRING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MARIO SOARES, PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES AND PRESIDENT SPINOLA. HE WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT BY DELEGATION FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. CUBAN CHARGE, BULGARIAN CHARGE, JOAO AURELIO CRUZ DOS SANTOS (FROM PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE), MEMBERS OF PORTUGAL-CUBA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, AND AMBASSADORS OF SOVIET UNION, EAST GERMANY AND PERU.

2. ROA PAID TRIBUTE IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT TO NEW DEMOCRATIC PORTUGUESE REGIME AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HIS VISIT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF CUBAN-PORTUGUESE BILATERAL RELATIONS. LISBON PRESS NOTED THAT PORTUGAL

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HAD NEVER BROKEN RELATIONS WITH CUBA, BUT THAT

DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF EACH WERE MAINTAINED ONLY AT
CHARGE LEVEL. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS REPORED "OFFICIAL
SOURCE" AS SAYING THAT CUBAN'S VISIT WOULD SERVE
TO INITIATE TALKS AIMING AT NORMALIZATION OF THIS SITUATION.

3. MOST SIGNIFICANT IMMEDIATE RESULT OF VISIT WAS
FLURRY OF PRESS ARTICLES STIMULATED BY FOREIGN MINISTER
ROA'S COMMENT REPORTED REFTEL CONCERNING PERALTA CASE.
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